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MISSOULA--

The "Most Valuable Player" on the University of Montana baseball team in 1970 is a standout second baseman from Aberdeen, Washington.

Mike Hoonan won the Rod McCall Award as the most valuable player on the Grizzly baseball squad.

Hoonan is a junior and hit .326 in the Big Sky Conference action and 1286 on the season.

UM baseball coach Lem Elway, also a native of Aberdeen, Wash., said that Hoonan was the team leader throughout the season and is one of the most dedicated players he has ever coached.

The award was established by friends of Rod McCall who was an outstanding Montana baseball star in his collegiate playing days and went on to play pro-baseball. A fund was established with the award to help needy baseball players at the University of Montana.

The Grizzlies concluded the season with a 15-18 record. Coach Elway is rebuilding the baseball program and upgraded the UM baseball record from 7-16 in 1969.

Elway's Grizzlies hit .286 overall and .300 in conference action.

Last year's winner was pitcher John Kidd.

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